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2000 King Celebration



Trevor Wilson, keynote speaker at Rockville's 28th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, stressed that people can make a difference even when they don't think they can. He continued by saying that although we have a long way to go to combat racism, we also have to remember that we've come a long way.

Also during the event, the Mayor and Council and the Human Rights Commission presented Steven A. Towle, president of the Spinal Cord Injury Network, with the F. Michael Taff Award and Oluwafemisayo Akinnagbe, a student at Colonel Zadok Magruder High School, with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award.

There also were performances by the Northern Baha'i Youth Workshop, the Young Black Leaders of Richard Montgomery High School, the Richard Montgomery High School Combined Choirs, Daryl Davis, LaMonde Jacobi, and Pamela Berman.

Mayor and Council Set Policy Agenda

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At their annual retreat, Rockville's Mayor and Council set their policy agenda for the next two years. Topping this list of priorities was creative growth management, neighborhood revitalization and code enforcement, Town Center, and technology.

"By establishing this policy agenda, we are able to address these important issues thoroughly," said Mayor Rose Krasnow.
"Otherwise, we tend to lose focus and bite off more than we can chew."

With the development of King Farm and Thomas Farm, creative growth is a hot topic in Rockville, and the Mayor and

Council see a definite need to address the situation. As part of this policy initiative, the Mayor and Council will be reviewing the Rockville Pike plan, working to resolve the big box issue, striving to create smart growth transportation solutions, and updating neighborhood plans.

Along with these new communities, the City also has neighborhoods that are aging, and the Mayor and Council realize how vital it is to the quality of life in Rockville that they do so gracefully.

"As these neighborhoods age, we want to make sure we attend to their needs so they continue to attract new families and provide a high quality of life," explained Krasnow.

The second part of this dual initiative is code enforcement. Over the last couple of years, the City has received a growing number of complaints about abandoned homes. As a result, the Mayor and Council believe it is time to renew their efforts to make sure the City does all it can do to rectify this situation.

Because of its significance to residents, Town Center also is a priority to the Mayor and Council. They will work with developers and citizens to create a vibrant

Town Center that offers a variety of entertainment and cultural opportunities. This initiative will include crafting a Town Center Master Plan, awarding the bid for the new Rockville library and garage, and completing a financial plan for the proposed parking garage

Over the next two years, the Mayor and Council also will be pursuing the adoption of telecommunications ordinances, determining budget implications of rapidly changing technology, and continuing to upgrade the information and technology infrastructure at City Hall.

"Technology is our future," explained continued on pg. 2...

Rockville U Spring Session Planned

After the huge success of the session of Rockville University (Rockville "U") last fall, the Mayor and Council of Rockville and City staff have plans for a spring session in the works. The new session will kick off on Feb. 29 with a look at the City's history and current conditions.

"People love living here but don't necessarily know a lot about how their City is run," said Mayor Rose Krasnow. "By attending Rockville University, citizens have the opportunity to get a better understanding of what it means to reside in the City of Rockville."

Rockville U is an eight-week program that gives residents a "behind the scenes" look at City Hall. Open to anyone age 16 and older who lives, works, or goes to school in Rockville, it will include some lecturing, field trips, hands-on learning, and even a little homework. Classes will take place from Feb. 29 through April 11 on six Tuesday nights and two Saturday mornings.

"After the fall session of Rockville U, we received some great feedback from participants," said Carol Ann Perovshek, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator. "We have incorporated that information into this session to improve the program."

One new item in 2000 is a full class on the planning and development process. This topic was of major interest to participants last fall, and when members of the Community Planning and Development Services Department gave their presentation, they were swamped with questions.

Another change is the addition of a class discussing ways to get involved in your city. During the class, presenters will discuss the many ways students can give back to their communities – by joining Boards and Commissions, becoming a member of their civic association, helping a non-profit agency, etc.

"After last fall's session, the students were really energized," said Jeanna Cushing, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator. "This year, we want to tap into that and give them ideas on how they can make Rockville an even better place to live."

Other classes will cover such topics as the Council/Manager form of government (including a mock Mayor and Council meeting) and a department "sampler" (with City staff explaining the duties of each department).

In 2000, Rockville U also will include a "field trip" to the City's Maintenance Facility on Gude Dr. There participants will learn that there's more to city government than just City Hall. They'll view the many pieces of equipment that are needed to keep Rockville continued on pg. 2...

4,5 National Chamber Orchestra Concert;

City Events

Calendar

of Events

8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; \$31 (center), \$24 (side), and \$17 (far side); Call 301-762-8580

Glenview Mansion
Art Gallery Exhibit Open-

ing; 1-4 p.m.; Maria Barbosa (mixed media) and Carolyn Jean (mixed media); Artist talk, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.; Guided Gallery Tour, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.; Call 301-309-3354

Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert; 2 p.m.; Bob Tublin and Jazz Progression;

11,12,18,19, 24,25,36

Victorian Lyric Opera Company; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Fledermaus; \$12 general admission, \$10 students; Call 301-879-0220

13,20 Victorian Lyric Opera Company; 2 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Fledermaus; \$12 general admission, \$10 students; 301-879-0220

21 Presidents' Day; City Hall Closed

Rockville Concert Band; 3 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Free

For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

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Imagine Rockville

2 Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Red Brick Court House, Room G05

15 Rockville's Action Team for the Environment; 7:30 p.m.; City Manager's Conference Rm.

Diversity and the Arts Action Team; 7 p.m.; City Manager's Office Conference Room

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

For Seniors

Birthday and Anniversary Party; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #8538; Register by Jan. 26; Free

2,8,16 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free

3 Veterans Group; 10 a.m.; Activity #8502; Register by Jan. 17; Free

4 Pressed Flower Mini-Lamp; Activity #8517; Register by Jan. 24; \$14 members, \$18 nonmembers

A Celebration of **Black History Month;** 10:30 a.m.; Activity #8506; Register by Jan. 24; Free

Are You Legally Prepared for a Health Care Crisis?; 10:15 a.m.; Free

Understanding the Mind Body Medicine; 1 p.m.; Free

The Not-So-Newly-Wed Game; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #8504; Register by Jan. 28; Free

15 Stress Reduction in the Prevention of Chronic Diseases; 10:15 a.m.: Free

Probate – What it is and isn't; 10:15 a.m.; Free

Women and Heart Disease; 1:15 p.m.; Free

Hearing Aid Tune-**Ups**; 1:15 – 3:30 p.m.; Call for an appointment

23 Medical Malpractice / Negligence; 10:15 a.m.; Free

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Krasnow. "It's important that we don't get behind. Technology has implications for how we work at City Hall, how citizens interact with City Hall, and how City Hall provides services to citizens.'

Although the Mayor and Council have set these four major policy initiatives, they also have recommitted themselves to their past initiatives - youth, neighborhoods, the environment, and telecommunications. They also realize that other issues will arise as time goes by. As they do, the Mayor and Council hope to work alongside citizens to resolve them.

Each of the four major initiatives has a spokesperson who will be the point of contact on each issue. They are: creative growth, Anne Robbins; neighborhood revitalization and code enforcement, Bob Dorsey; Town Center, Bob Wright; and technology, Glennon Harrison.

The Mayor and Council will be discussing their new initiatives on a special roundtable program that will air in late February or early March on Rockville's Cable 53 (cable-ready 33). See page 4 for more information.

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running and gain knowledge of the roles of the employees who work out of the facility.

There also will be a neighborhood showcase tour where students will be asked to guide their classmates through their neighborhoods.

"We are really excited about the new curriculum," said Perovshek. "We've worked hard to structure a fun program that will provide insight into how government works, chances to get to know

City staff and the different things they do, and opportunities to learn new things about the community."

If you are interested in becoming a "citizen in the know," Rockville U is for you. Space is limited, but there are still slots available. The deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 11. It is important that participants attend all classes. 💎

> CALL **301-309-3247** FOR MORE INFO • OR • CALL **301-315-5772** FOR MORE INFO



Rockville U ROCKVILLE Spring Schedule

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Feb. 29, 7 p.m., City Hall	City History and Current Conditions
March 7, 7 p.m., City Hall	Council/Manager Form of Government
March 11, 9 a.m., City Hall	Department Sampler
March 14, 7 p.m., City Hall	Planning and Development Process
March 25, 9 a.m., Senior Center	Neighborhood Showcase Tours
March 28, 7 p.m., Senior Center	Ways to get Involved
April 4, 7 p.m., Senior Center	Student Presentations
April 11, 7 p.m., Civic Center	Graduation Celebration

In Brief

Voice Your Opinion on Big Box Retail

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Rockville's Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing to give City residents and other interested parties the opportunity to voice their opinion on whether big box retail is appropriate in Rockville, and if so, where. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., and will be televised live on Rockville's Cable 53 (cableready 33).

Such stores, often called "big box" retail because of their large size and lack of architectural character, include such businesses as WalMart, Target, Costco, Sam's Club, Best Buy, and Toys R Us. Rockville's Mayor and Council established a moratorium on the filing, processing, and approval of applications for use permits or amendments to use permits for retail stores of 60,000 square feet or more until April 10.

CALL **301-309-3204** FOR MORE INFO

Harrison to Discuss Technology Initiative

Rockville Councilmember Glennon Harrison will meet with the Technology Action Team (TAT) on Feb. 8 to discuss the Mayor and Council's new Technology Policy Initiative and the future role and activities of the team. The meeting will take place at 7:15 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting is open to the public, and the TAT encourages interested residents to attend this meeting and become active members of the team.

The TAT is one of the Action Teams developed through the Imagine Rockville visioning process to help chart the future of the city and make the vision a reality. The Action Team guided the development of the City's comprehensive Telecommunications Policy and Plan, which was approved by the Mayor and Council.

CALL **301-309-3329** FOR MORE INFO

Inclement Weather Policy

Wondering if a meeting at City Hall or a Recreation and Parks program has been cancelled because of weather? Tune in to WMAL (AM630) or WRQX (FM107.3), or watch Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33), WJLA (TV Ch. 7), WUSA (TV Ch. 9), FOX (Ch. 5), or WRC (TV Ch. 4) for cancellation information.

For Recreation and Parks programs, call: league play - 301-309-3333; afternoon, evening, or Saturday and Sunday programs - 301-309-3336; or special events - 301-309-3334.

The following policies apply:

- When Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) close due to weather, all Rockville Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled.
- If MCPS open late, Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled for the morning.
- If MCPS close early, all afternoon and evening programs are cancelled.
- If schools don't close, but a weather emergency develops, a decision will be made on afternoon programs (from 2:15-6 p.m.) by 2 p.m. For league play, a decision will be made by 3 p.m., and for special events, the policy varies.



2000 Walking Town Meetings

Rockville's Mayor and Council invite City neighborhoods to host a Walking Town Meeting in 2000. The first meeting of the season is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, but no host neighborhood has been named.

Walking Town Meetings take place on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon, rain or shine. During the meeting, neighborhoods have the opportunity to point out areas of concern to the Mayor and Council and City staff, as well as points of pride. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, call Chris Bartlett (301-309-4246), Jeanna Cushing (301-315-5772), or Carol Ann Perovshek (301-309-3247), Neighborhood Resources Coordinators.

The tentative Walking Town Meeting schedule for 2000 is:

- March 25 • April 29
- May 13 June 24
- Sept. 23

Snow Removal

Rockville's snow ordinance requires that snow be removed from paved areas for public use within 24 hours after a snowfall of three inches or less, and within 48 hours after a snowfall of more than three inches, to provide a safe, unobstructed passable path 36-inches wide. Ice must be removed or treated with 24 hours and treated to prevent refreezing.

CALL **301-309-3262** FOR MORE INFO



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Using the 2000 Census

Government officials aren't the only ones who will use 2000 Census data. Although the information is confidential, many people use the numbers gathered to advocate for causes, target advertising, locate skilled workers, prevent disease, and even rescue disaster victims

For example, when Hurricane Andrew hit south Florida, census numbers helped rescuers estimate how many people were missing. The data also can be used to identify communities which need federal help for job training or programs such as Head Start or the Women, Infants, and Children program.

So when your 2000 Census form arrives, fill it out and return it promptly. It could help you in the future!

Rockville Pike and Montrose/Randolph Road Congestion

The State of Maryland will host a public workshop at Walter Johnson High School (6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda) on Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. At the workshop, the State Highway Administration (SHA) will discuss possible solutions to the traffic congestion at the intersection of Rockville Pike (MD-355) and Montrose and Randolph Roads.

For more information on the meeting or project, please contact Paul Maloney, SHA Project Manager, at 410-545-8516 or pmaloney@sha.state.md.us.

Millennium Quilt

The City's Millennium Committee invites you to submit a square for the Rockville Millennium Quilt with the theme "Rockville – Our City." Approximately 30 squares will be selected and the remaining ones will be used for crib quilts for "at-risk" babies at the Children's Inn at the National Institute of Health. Just fill out a Rockville Millennium Quilt postcard – available at City Hall – and return it to the City. Squares are due March 1.

CALL 301-309-3330 FOR MORE INFO

Tax Preparation

Rockville, the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will provide free income tax preparation assistance for low-to-moderate income residents who live in the city. Assistance is given by volunteers who have an extensive background in tax preparations.

The service has a new location in the Community Services offices at 32 Courthouse Sq. It is available by appointment only from 7:30-9 p.m., on Tuesdays through April 11. Also new in 2000, electronic filing is now available.

CALL 301-309-3183 FOR MORE INFO

• OR •

CALL 301-468-4179 FOR MORE INFO

Swim Center Offering

Rockville's Municipal Swim Center is offering an aquatic exercise class this winter on Fridays from 10-11 a.m. The cost is \$3 per person for the hour.

CALL **301-309-3040** FOR MORE INFO

Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Learn more about Historic Preservation Tax Credit applications at the Historic District Commission meeting on Feb. 12, from 9 a.m.-noon, at City Hall. City staff will offer assistance in filling out County or State forms.

CALL **301-309-3207** FOR MORE INFO

Recreation and Parks Fun

Don't miss out on the fun that Rockville's Recreation and Parks' Department is offering this winter:

- Feb. 12 Visit historic Ellicott City and New Market for shopping, antiquing, and lunch. Register by Feb. 1. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$23 for nonresidents.
- Feb. 25-27 Get away for a weekend cross-country ski trip to New Germany State Park. Register by Feb. 10. The cost is \$149 for residents and \$170 for non-residents.
- March 4 Enjoy a five-mile trek on the Appalachian Trail across Weaverton Ridge and into Harpers Ferry, W.Va. Register by Feb. 23. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$23 for nonresidents.
- March 12 Explore Baltimore's harbor aboard a heated vessel, then enjoy brunch at Piccolo's Restaurant in Fells Point. Register by Feb. 25. The cost is \$44 for residents, and \$50 for nonresidents.

CALL **301-309-3182** FOR MORE INFO

Off-Leash Testing

Rockville's Neighborhood Services Division of Animal Control will conduct its Off-Leash Testing on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m., in the Middle Lane parking lot. Please register in advance.

CALL **301-309-3115** FOR MORE INFO

New Playback Schedule for Mayor and Council Meetings

If you miss the live coverage of Mayor and Council meetings, you only have to wait until the next evening to see the replay. In February, Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33) will add a taped replay of the Mayor and Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The new schedule is: Monday, 7:30 p.m. (if no live meeting); Tuesday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Daily, 3 p.m. and 1 a.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.

The Mayor and Council replay, previously scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m., is being replaced with the normal evening line up of regular and special programs.

CALL **301-309-3329** FOR MORE INFO

Holiday Drive

Thanks to all who contributed to the 1999 Rockville Holiday Drive. More than 115 individuals, businesses, and community organizations helped the City to raise more than \$16,000 in monetary contributions. The largest contributors were West Group Inc. (\$2,500) and the Venable, Baetzer, and Howard Foundation (\$2,000).

A total of 1,105 holiday baskets were distributed to Rockville families during Thanksgiving and the December holidays, and more than 600 youths received a new toy as part of the drive. This year, 160 volunteers assisted City staff in packing and distributing holiday baskets and toys.

In addition, more than 151 individuals and organizations volunteered to sponsor 108 Rockville families, providing food baskets and/or gifts.

The Holiday Drive is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville, Rockville Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Manna Food Center.

Glenview Mansion Holiday Open House Thanks

Glenview Mansion staff thanks the following groups for making this year's Holiday Open Houses a success: Innovative Gourmet; Richard Montgomery Madrigals; Rockville Community Chorus; Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers; Maryland Harmony Chorus; Victorian Lyric Opera Company; Gaithersburg Presbyterian Celtic Ringers; Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Frosty and Rudolph; and the Glenview Mansion Docents.

Thanks also to the groups that helped "deck the halls": Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ami; Community Woman's Club of Rockville; Rockville Art League; Rockville Arts Place; Take Off the Pounds Sensibly; Community Companions; Community Planning and Development Services Planning Staff; G Street Fabric Stores; Chinese American Parents and Students Association; Sister City Corp.; Senior Associates; Rockville Little Theatre; Glenview Mansion Docents; Rockville Jaycees; and Montgomery County Lodge Order Sons of Italy and America.

In 1999, the Judge's Award went to the CPDS Planning Staff. Runner's up were the G Street Fabric Store and Rockville Arts Place. An Honorable Mention was given to the Community Woman's Club. The winner of the People's Choice award was G Street Fabrics.

Para Ud.

Uso Del Censo

La informacíon que se recabe en el Censo del Año 2000 no será usada solamente por el Gobierno local. Son muchas las entidades que usan la informacíon que aunque confidencial sirve para ubicar trabajadores capacitados, hacer estudios de mercado y hasta para rescatar a victimas en casos de desastres.

Por ejemplo, cuando el huracán Andrew azotó el area de la Florida, los datos del Censo sirvierón para que las cuadrillas de rescate pudieran saber el numero de personas desaparecidas. La informacíon tambien es usada para saber que comunidades necesitan de ayuda federal, en programas de capacitacíon laboral o de asistencia médica.

Asi que cuando recibas la cartilla del Censo 2000 llena la informacíon inmediatamente y enviala a vuelta de correo. Te puede ser de mucha ayuda en un futuro cercano.



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All activities are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

For Teens

Snow Tubing Trip to Coolfont, W. Va.; Grades six through eight; \$22 members, \$29 nonmembers; Pre-registration required

4,11,18,25Friday Night Ski Club Ski
Liberty Trips; 3:15 p.m.;
Depart from Robert Frost
Middle School

5 Civiteen Swimming; 1:30 p.m.; Montgomery County Aquatics Center; For members only; \$15

Robert Frost
Middle School Dance;
7:30 p.m.; Grades seven
and eight; \$3 Teen Club
members, \$5 nonmembers

Civiteen
Glenmont Bowling and
Lunch Trip; 11:30 a.m.;
Members only; \$15

19 Civiteen Lunch and Movie at White Flint Mall: Time to be announced; Members only; \$15

19,20 Seven Springs Overnight Trip; Depart 6:30 a.m. on 19th, return 10:30 p.m. on 20th; City Hall, rear parking lot; Grades six through eight and high school; \$172 Teen Club members, \$199 nonmembers

Julius West
Middle School Dance;
7:30 p.m.; Grades six
through eight; \$3 Teen Club
members, \$5 nonmembers

For more information about teen activities or to register for a program, please call 301-309-3345.



Don't let the cold keep you from biking! Put a thin, wicking layer against your skin to keep dry, and use an insulating layer on top of that. Finally, if needed, add a wind or rain jacket with a full front zipper or pit-zips for ventilation. Be sure to wear ear warmers, a thin, knit head covering, and gloves.



February Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS Mayor and Council Live

Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. **General Session** Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m. **Public Hearing** (Big Box Retail) Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. **General Session**

Meeting Replays

Mon., 7:30 p.m. (if no live meeting) Tues., 7:30 p.m. (NEW TIME!) Sat., 9 a.m. Sun., 9 am. and 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Mayor and Council

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.

SPECIALS Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Celebration

Mon., Wed., and Fri, 9:30 a.m. Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 1:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m.

Caregivers

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 1 p.m. and 11 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sun., 11:15 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m.

Economic Development

Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. Mon. and Tues., 7 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sun., 1 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 11:15 p.m.

Mayor and Council Roundtable: New Policy Initiatives (starting in late February or early March)

Tues. and Thurs., 9:30 a.m. Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sun, 1:30 p.m.

Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the Dec. 13 meeting: The Mayor and Council:

- · Appointed Robert Wright (Retirement Board, Mayor and Council Representa-
- · Introduced an ordinance to amend Ordinance #4-99 to appropriate funds and levy taxes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000.
- · Accepted zoning ordinance text amendment TXT 1999-0180, Fairfield Residential LLC, applicant. Would delete portions of Article VII, Division 3, Section 25-326 of the zoning ordinance, relating to the optional method of development in the O-1 Zone.
- Modified Section 14 of the City of Rockville's Moderately Priced Housing Regulations. Would establish the maximum income eligibility limits for individuals and families who want to purchase or rent Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs), constructed and marketed under Chapter 13.5 of the Rockville City Code.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7.30 n m

7.50 p.m.	
Feb. 7 Work S	ession (Budget Issues
Feb. 14	General Sessior
Feb. 22 (Tues.)	Public Hearing
	(Big Box Retail
Feb. 28	General Sessior

Council meetings are televised live on Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and daily at 3 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Mayor & Council **Drop-In**

Feb. 14	Bob Wright
Feb. 22	Bob Dorsey (Tues.)
Feb. 28	Glennon Harrison

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall is open during this time.

While Drop-In is on a first-come, firstserved basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Cable Communications Advisory Committee (City of Rockville representative to the County committee): The committee assists in the oversight of the franchise agreement and advises the County on use of the cable system and

allocation of grants for public service. A knowledge of Montgomery County, communications technology and law, accounting, and business management is desired. Members must file confidential financial disclosure statements annually.

Historic District Commission (one vacancy): This five-member body recommends to the Mayor and Council the boundaries of districts that are deemed to be of historic or architectural value to the City and reviews applications for construction, changes, etc. in the historic districts. Members are appointed for three years with terms overlapping.

Human Services Advisory Commission (one vacancy for former or current recipient of human services): A ninemember body, this commission provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on human services needs in the city, assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and participates in oversight and evaluation to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. The Mayor and Council also may ask the commission to study specific human service-related problems and complaints that have been brought to their attention.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission (tenant at-large representative sought): A seven-member body, this commission is comprised of two landlords, two tenants, and three people from the citizenry at large. It provides a forum for adjudicating differences or disputes between landlords and tenants.

Rockville Sister City Corp. (one vacancy); This nonprofit corporation may have an unlimited number of members, and the Mayor and Council appoint three citizens to the 15-member board. Members help create programs to strengthen existing ties with Pinneberg, Germany; encourage the exchange of ideas between the cities; and recommend to the Mayor and Council steps that can be taken to further facilitate the friendship.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

Feb. 5, 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Human Services Advisory Commission, Glenview Mansion

Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Science, Technology, and Environment Commission

Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Arts Commission Feb. 15, 1:30 p.m.

Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

Historic District Commission

Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, 14 Moore Dr.

Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Supervisors of Elections

Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Sister City Corp.

Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Traffic and Transportation Commission

Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. **Human Rights Commission**

Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Feb. 24, 10 a.m.

Senior Commission, Senior Center

Feb. 29, 5:30 p.m.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission

Rockville Summer Camps

Even though Jack Frost is nipping at our noses and warm weather may seem far away, it's time to start thinking about summer camps. Rockville's Summer Camp Guide will be mailed in late January, and registration is slated to start on Feb. 11.

In 2000, the City's Department of Recreation and Parks is offering a variety of camps to keep your kids entertained this summer. Camps begin on June 19, and usually operate for four, two-week sessions. There also are several one-week specialty camps being offered.

Here is a sampling of what's planned for this year:

- Betr Kids science and computer camps
- Quest
- Basketball
- Teens to Go
- All Around Baseball
- Center Court
- Odyssey
- In-Line Skating/Roller Hockey

Look in your camp guide for more information on these and other exciting summer camps, and mark the following registration dates on your calendar:

- Feb. 11 Resident mail-in
- Feb. 25 Resident in-person
- Feb. 29 Home School
- March 2 Non-resident

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